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Application No.: 10/530,938

Confirmation No.: 9177

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Inventor(s):

Menicanti et al.

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§ Art Unit: Unknown
§ Atty. Dkt. No: 5838-06602

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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C.
371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**
MAILED SEPTEMBER 12, 2005

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Sir:

Applicant encloses the following in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements
of Nonprovisional Application:

- (1) Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements (2 pages);
- (2) Originally executed Declaration (3 pages); —
- (3) Form PTO-1595 Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (1 page); —
- (4) Copy of originally executed Assignment (4 pages);
- (5) Originally executed Election Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.71 and 3.73 and Power of
Attorney (2 pages);

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- (6) Originally executed Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status (2 pages);
- (7) Fee Authorization in the amount of \$615.00 to cover the fees for a small entity as follows (2 pages):
 - \$ 65.00 -- surcharge for late filing of declaration;
 - \$ 510.00 -- three-month extension of time fee;
 - \$ 40.00 -- assignment recordation fee; and
- (8) A return postcard.

Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of time to respond to the Formalities Letter mailed September 12, 2005. A fee authorization form including \$510.00 is enclosed for the extension of time fee. If any further extension of time is required, Applicant hereby respectfully requests the appropriate extension of time. If any fees are inadvertently omitted or if any additional fees are required or have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5838-06602/EBM.

Respectfully submitted,



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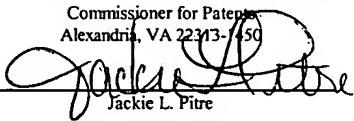
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The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fee or other fees which may be necessary to the same account number.

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CONFIRMATION NO. 9177 371 FORMALITIES LETTER  <small>*OC000000016976231*</small>		

Date Mailed: 09/12/2005

NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 04/08/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 04/08/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 04/08/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 04/08/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 04/08/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 04/08/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.

Atty Dkt#: _____ Atty: _____
 Transferred Due Date: 11/12/05
 Action: 30 Day 1Mo. 2 Mo.
 3 Mo. Final Action Advsy Action
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ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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